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Commissioner for Patents

In response to applicant's telephone communication on December 22, 2004 regarding the last Office action, the following corrective action is taken.

The period for reply of THREE MONTHS set in said Office Action is restarted to begin with the mailing date of this letter.

A corrected copy of the last Office Action is enclosed.

DETAILED ACTION

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by the United Kingdom patent ('672). Note, the adjectives "ventilation" and "defroster" add no additional structure; and according, cannot serve to further distinguish or in other words or if not, the air nozzles 16 and 17 inserted in the vicinity of the dashboard 14 correspond to the claimed ventilation duct and the exit opening 15 in the vicinity of the windscreen 11 claimed defroster duct.

Election/Restrictions

5. Claim 5 is withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on October 12, 2004.

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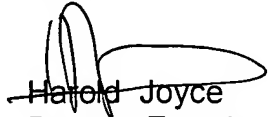
Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harold Joyce whose telephone number is (703) 308-0274. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ira Lazarus can be reached on (703) 308-1935. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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